State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-fifth Legislature Second Special Session 2001

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2001

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS FOR THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON.

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Whereas, on November 4, 2001, the Arizona Diamondbacks won the World Series of baseball in only the team's fourth season of existence, marking the shortest time in baseball history in which an expansion team has claimed the championship; and

Whereas, the Diamondbacks defeated the New York Yankees four games to three by holding the Yankee hitters to a record low .183 team batting average; and

Whereas, the Diamondbacks pitchers Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling were jointly named the World Series most valuable players; and

Whereas, Bob Brenly is the first rookie manager to lead his team to a World Series championship in forty years; and

Whereas, Randy Johnson won a record five games in this post season, following a regular season in which he became the first pitcher in baseball history to strike out 300 or more batters in four consecutive seasons; and

Whereas, this was one of the most thrilling World Series in the history of major league baseball and it created a welcome diversion for people across the United States at a time when a diversion was most needed; and

Whereas, the Diamondbacks demonstrated that over the ups and downs of a long season, it requires perseverance and contributions from every member of the team to become a champion; and

Whereas, the play of the Diamondbacks this season has brought great joy and excitement to their fans, whether they watched from the snake pit of Bank One Ballpark or at home on television or listened to play-by-play coverage on the radio; and

Whereas, the vision and leadership of Diamondbacks chairman and chief executive officer Jerry Colangelo has created a team that is not only successful on the field, but its members contribute to the welfare of the community throughout the year; and

Whereas, these contributions to the community were demonstrated when Curt Schilling was selected as the 2001 Roberto Clemente Award recipient for best exemplifying the game of baseball, sportsmanship and community involvement; and

Whereas, the Arizona Diamondbacks have brought honor and prestige to the State of Arizona, enhancing the quality of life for all; and

Whereas, the people of the State of Arizona, proud fans of our world championship team, look forward to a bright future and many more World Series victories for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring:

- 1. That the members of the Legislature of the State of Arizona, on behalf of the citizens of Arizona, offer official congratulations to the players, coaches, management and the entire Arizona Diamondbacks organization on their outstanding regular and post season, and especially for attaining the summit of major league baseball, the world championship, and extend best wishes for a brilliant and successful future.
- 2. That the Secretary of State transmit copies of this Resolution to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of State